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***Raised Bill No. 452***

LCO No. 2327

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN "ENGINEERING CONNECTICUT" LOAN  
REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) There is established an  
2       "Engineering Connecticut" Loan Reimbursement Grant program,  
3       administered by the Department of Higher Education, for persons who  
4       have graduated from institutions of higher education with  
5       undergraduate or graduate degrees in engineering.

6       (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide  
7       student loan reimbursement grants for persons who (1) attended any  
8       institution of higher education, (2) have been awarded an  
9       undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering, and (3) are newly  
10      employed in Connecticut on or after January 1, 2006, as engineers.

11      (c) Persons who qualify under subsections (b) and (d) of this section  
12      shall be reimbursed on an annual basis for qualifying student loan  
13      payments in amounts as determined by the Commissioner of Higher  
14      Education. A person qualifying under subsections (b) and (d) of this  
15      section shall only be reimbursed for loan payments made while such

16 person is employed in the state as an engineer. The Department of  
17 Higher Education shall develop eligibility requirements for recipients  
18 of such reimbursements. Such requirements may include income  
19 guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the Department of Higher  
20 Education at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of  
21 Higher Education prescribes.

22 (d) The recipients of reimbursement grants pursuant to this section  
23 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and each succeeding fiscal  
24 year, shall constitute a cohort and reimbursement grants for  
25 succeeding years shall only be available for members of such cohort.

26 (e) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this section  
27 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be available for  
28 expenditure during the next fiscal year.

29 (f) The Department of Higher Education may use up to two per cent  
30 of the funds appropriated for purposes of this section for program  
31 administration, promotion and recruitment activities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
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***HED***      ***Joint Favorable***